GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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REDUCTION OF FUNDS BY STATES FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many State Governments have reduced the budget kept for rural development drastically;

(b) if so, the details of the States and Union Territories which have reduced the budget for rural development; and

(c) the measures do the Government propose to take to ensure that rural development funds are not reduced ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVLOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Rural Development has not received any report indicatingdrastic reduction in the budget for rural development in States.

(c): While the rural development schemes are given due consideration in the allocation of funds, the actual allocation depends on the total resources available. The allocation of funds in the budget of the State Governments is fully controlled by the respective Legislatures.